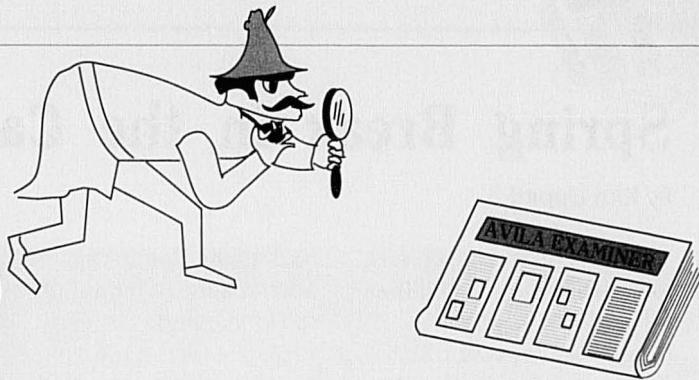


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## Your Right to Know

By Patty Berg

Several years ago in Pennsylvania, a girl was brutally murdered in her dormitory room. This horrible act of violence created outrage within her family and outraged parents and students across the United States. Concerned parents wondered how such a thing could happen? Was there enough security? How can they avoid such violence in the future? Their persistence and aggressiveness helped push through a major safety act to be enforced by colleges and universities around the United States. This act is called the "Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act".

There are three major parts to the "Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act." They include: the school must provide the completion rate of graduating students and any other outcome that could occur to ALL STUDENTS at the institution. Secondly, the school must provide the academic success rate of students receiving financial assistance based upon their PARTICIPATION IN INTERCOLLEGIATE SPORTS and provide information of revenue being spent upon ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES. Thirdly, the Act states that the school must report upon any CRIME STATISTICS AND CAMPUS SECURITY POLICIES.

Part one of this Act, called Section 103, states

that all colleges and universities beginning on July 1, 1991, must keep track of graduation rates and how many students complete the program. These results must be made available totally by July 1, 1993. These results will be made available to anyone that wishes to have them. They will be available for public use.

On August 1, 1991, Congress will be presented information as to how desirable it is to make this information available to students. This information includes such things as: graduation rates, completion rates, area of academic study, the particular school, pass rates, employment rates by graduates, and any other outcomes that could be used.

Part two of this Act, called Section 104, states that the higher education institution must make available yearly the statistics of completion or graduation rates of all students that are involved in its athletic program and who receive athletic aid. These results will be given according to race and gender. Certain sports will require separate statistics. The Institution will begin to collect information on July 1, 1991 and make this information available to potential athletes by July 1, 1992. Two-year colleges will have to make this information available as well. Also to be made

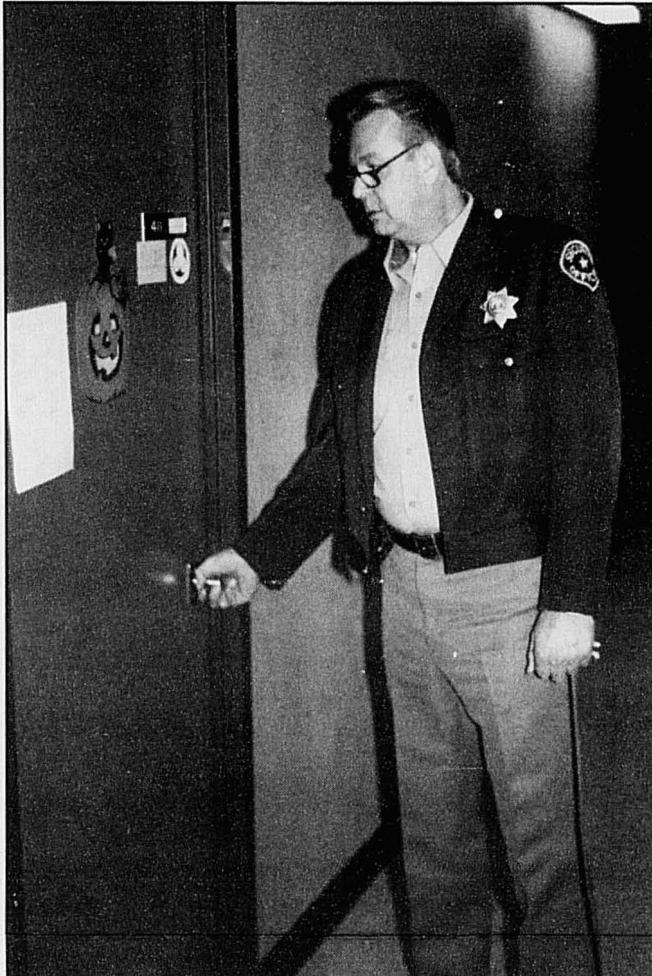
available by April 1, 1991, will be where revenue is being received and where it is being spent per sport.

Part three of this Act entails information concerning campus security and crime statistics. This portion of the Act, listed under Sections 203 and 204, states that on September 1, 1991, all higher education institutions must begin gathering information on crime statistics at that particular school. All crime acts or acts of violence must be included in this information. This data must be ready to go to print and be handed out to anyone requesting this information.

"Avila is in a fairly secure location, but precautions should be made at all times. Lock your car, keep your ears and eyes open. Don't leave your purses or backpacks unattended," states Dr. Ron Frigault, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs.

No matter where you are, you must be aware at all times. A crime could happen at any time and you must keep alert. "We are here for your safety," states Al Lefman, security guard at Avila College. "If anything substantial happens, please call. We are here seven days a week," says Lefman.

If there is anything you feel needs to be reported, please contact Ron Frigault in the Student Affairs Office. All information will be kept strictly confidential. The idea of this information is not to scare you but to make you think. Anyone can be a



Avila Security at Work

By B. Alexander

victim, anywhere; this is what Avila wants to prevent.

The following are a few emergency tips for anyone on the Avila campus: The security officer carries a pager at all times. This pager number is 757-7236. When you call you must leave a message on the pager; include such information as to where you are, your name, what you need, etc. The Security Officer will be there as soon as possible. "Please do not call the pager if you really are not in need of assistance, prank calls take up time and

someone really might need that assistance;" states Al Lefman. This would be a number that might be useful if memorized. If you are on campus, dial "0" to get help. If necessary, go ahead and call the Police Department, Fire Department, etc.

The Security Police are on campus for your protection. If you feel you need to talk to someone about something that has happened to you at Avila, please contact Dr. Ron Frigault in the Student Life Office; he will be happy to listen.

## Many Helping Hands Make Light Work

By Denise Vargo

Involvement in the Christmas in October program was in high numbers this year in Kansas City. One of the groups involved was Avila College.

Patrick Wood and Fr. Mario led the group of eleven students to a home here in Kansas City owned by an 81-year-old widow, Essie Lee Jones. They gave her home a good cleaning, painted ceilings and walls, and

cleaned the garage and gutters.

Students participating included Traci Rowland, Sharique Mohammad, Fanny Chen, Julie Schreiber, Jackie Kirsch, Claudia Brown, Danon Park, Janet Mees, Esther Delgado, and two friends who came from work with Esther, Mike and Charles.

The work was done by the students on Saturday,

October 12, after which they received a special dinner at Italian Gardens arranged by the owner, Carl DiCapo. Feelings were shared of how good it made the students feel to help someone who is less fortunate than themselves. The home owner was very pleased. Fr. Mario interjected regarding the students, "God will bless them in many ways for their generosity."

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## Spring Break in the Caribbean

By Kim Lippert

Avila is providing a travel experience over Spring Break for students to visit the Dominican Republic. Academic credit is available for this opportunity.

The advantages of such an opportunity are numerous. The island offers a tropical climate with beautiful beaches, exotic birds, colorful flowers, and other exciting flora and fauna. It is the fascinating lizards that keep Dr. Robert Powell of the Biology Department coming

back to the Dominican. In addition, the island is home to No Venomous Snakes! Hispaniola is the most biologically diverse island in the Caribbean. Features range from the highest mountains to lakes below sea level and from deserts to rain forests.

The island possesses historical significance as well. It was the first permanent European settlement, and Santo Domingo houses the oldest

cathedral, monastery and university in the western hemisphere. Next spring's trip has special meaning in that special activities are planned to commemorate the 500th anniversary of Columbus' landing. Students will have the opportunity to experience the culture of a third-world nation and developing democracy.

For more information, contact Dr. Powell in the Biology office, ext. 352, or Mr. Steve Alumbaugh in the Social Science office, ext. 247.

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## What's Happening at Avila

- Nov. 11 ..... Conversation with Susan: Borserine Conf. Room, 9-9:30 a.m.
- Nov. 14 ..... Sub: You Laugh, You Lose, 9 p.m., Cafeteria "Do you want a football team and women's soccer?" Student Senate Forum, 4:00-5:30pm, Marian Lounge
- Nov. 15 ..... Warren Maus - Publisher of Kansas City Live! Borserine, Room 401, 2-2:50 p.m.
- Nov. 15-16 ..... Othello, 8 p.m., Goppert Theater
- Nov. 17 ..... Intramural one-on-one Basketball
- Nov. 17 ..... SUB Movie: The Rocketeer
- Nov. 18 ..... Psi Chi Honor Society/Psych Club and Avila Student Nurses Organization Presents Dr. Linda Moore, Director of CenterPoint Counseling and Recovery, discussing her recently published book Powerlessness: A guide for Taking Charge of Your Life. 12:30-2: p.m., Barefoot Room, Marion Centre
- Nov 22-23 ..... Othello, 8 p.m., Goppert Theater
- Dec. 5 ..... Mark Johnson, Editorial Coordinator of the Antioch Publication Newspaper, 11-12:15 p.m., Borserine Center, Room 402

## Words From Father Mario

### All Need Conversion

Conversion is a gift from God which we must ask for with fervent prayer and which was merited for us by Christ, the new Adam.

Sin and death, which entered into the world through the disobedience of the first Adam, dominate human reality.

To be converted to God, in an essential and radical way, we must return to that "principle," which is: at the beginning is human sin, and death which results from it. We must regain consciousness of sin, which has become the beginning

of every sin on earth, which has become the lasting foundation and source of human sinfulness.

That original sin actually remains in the whole human race. It is the inheritance of the first Adam in us. And even though cancelled by Baptism through the operation of Christ, "the final Adam," it leaves its effect on us.

O God, may I be aware always of my sinfulness and my need to reform and return to you.

Pope John Paul II

## Check-Out The Business Office

By Keith Harris

The Business Office at Avila College is in charge of handling all of the financial matters involving fees and tuition at the College. The workers in the Business Office strive to keep all of the student records up to date and make sure that all the student accounts are paid. They go through all of the student accounts and see which payments have not been made. Then they send notices out to those students requesting that

they come in and pay on their account or make arrangements to pay at a later date.

The members that make up the staff of the Business Office are Norm Gerhart, Vice President of Fiscal Affairs; Steve Grant, Assistant Business Manager; Elaine Martin, Accounts Payable; Bridget Bickimer, Accounts Receivable; and Gwen Hibdon, Payroll and Personnel.

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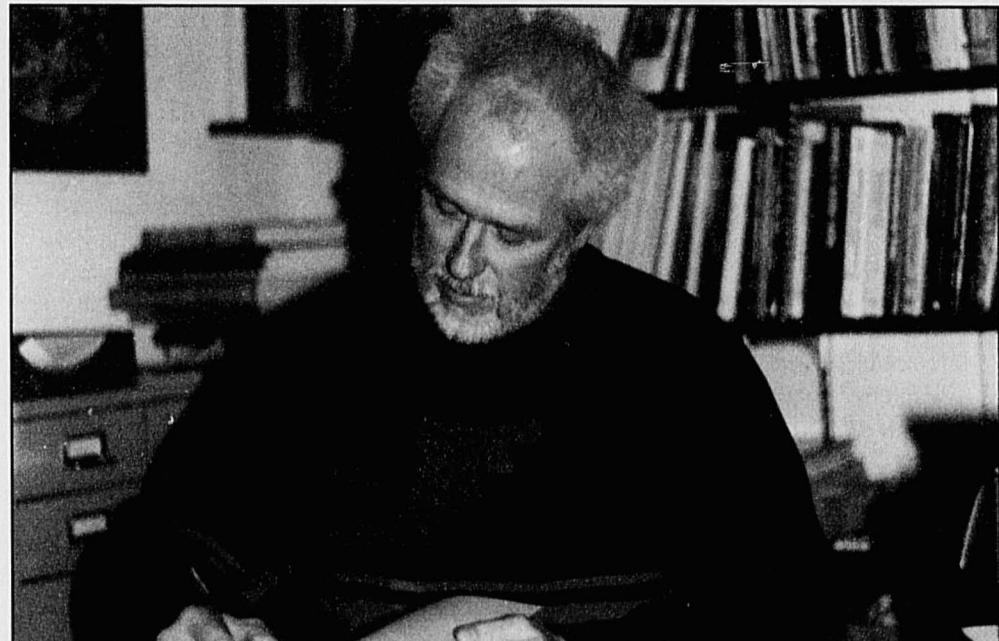
By Deborah Dexheimer

Avila's own Dr. Stephen Sirridge is a co-author along with Gregory Vogt of a book titled *Like Son, Like Father: Healing the Father-Son Wound in Men's Lives*.

Dr. Sirridge has been at Avila for 17 years. Co-author Gregory Vogt is a practicing psychotherapist. Sirridge and Vogt got the idea of writing the book from re-occurring issues seen in their practices. Topics discussed in the book not only come primarily from clinical

practice but also include personal experiences from Dr. Sirridge's role as a father with a son and as a son.

*Like Son, Like Father* has several themes. One of these is the way men may view themselves in relation to others. Sirridge expects most of the readers to be women trying to gain some insight into men as fathers, sons, and individuals in general. *Like Son, Like Father* was published this fall and is currently on sale at Whistler's Books and Bennett Schneider.



Dr. Sirridge

By B. Alexander

## Psi Chi Honors Dr. Sirridge

By Deborah Dexheimer

Avila's chapter of Psi Chi is sponsoring a reception to honor Dr. Stephen Sirridge on his book "Like Son, Like Father." The reception will be held on Monday, November 11, at 1:30 PM, following the faculty/staff meeting in the Whitfield Centre reception area.

## Sign-up for Practice Interviews

By Jeanne Olofson

The Career Development and Placement Office will sponsor practice interview sessions for students about to enter the workplace on Thursday, November, 21, from 6:- 8:15 p.m. in Lower Blasco. Experienced human resource professionals will be available to interview, evaluate, and make suggestions about interviewing skills. "Most students value the chance to practice interviewing in

a non-threatening environment. They get valuable feedback about specific strengths and weaknesses which helps them when they go out into the real world," says Gina Frigault, Student Resource Centre Director.

Students should sign up for a forty-five minute time slot and submit two copies of their resume to Mrs. Frigault. The opportunities are limited, so act quickly.

## It's The Right Number

By Linda Moon

Linda O'Brien, new Mathematics Instructor, comes to Avila after teaching at Maple Woods Community College. She finds our atmosphere of smaller classes and more dedicated students as a plus in teaching here. Originally from New York, she has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics from New York University, and a M.A. in teaching

from the State University of New York.

Residing in Kansas City for the past eighteen years, she is married, and has multiplied by four boys.

"Kansas City is a good place to raise a family. I've finally gotten used to the slower pace. So far, I really like teaching here. I've met a lot of people and they've been extremely friendly and helpful," says O'Brien

## When Is It Rape?

By Kelly Williams

"I remember my first time away from home. I remember my first college party, well, the start of the party anyway. It was the first time I didn't have anyone waiting up for me. It was my first experience with alcohol. My friends tell me I was the life of the party, though I recall nothing except waking up in bed with some guy I had just met in one of my classes. I had bruises on my arms and my dress was torn. I still am very confused. He told me I wanted to have sex with him. If I had agreed, how did I get the bruises?"

Does this sound familiar? Date rape is not a misunderstanding of

sexual signals. It is an act of aggression. Date rape is a criminal assault by someone you know. It could be your friend, or a friend of a friend. It can be a teacher or a janitor. It is someone you trust or feel you should trust.

It is estimated that 1 in 4 of all college females have been the victims of actual rape or attempted rape. It is theorized that rape afflicts as many as one in every two women. It is projected that half of the female populace will at sometime in their lives be victims of rape. Rape is violence, not a difference of opinion! Date rape is rape!

Less than 10% of date rape cases are reported.

There is a very simple reason for this, fear! Fear of the man, fear of negative reaction toward the woman, fear that the law enforcement agencies will not believe or do anything about it. Hoping it will go away will not correct the situation, awareness will.

If you feel that you have been raped or want to know more about date rape, see someone in the personal counseling office or some other professional. Saying "no", means "no". Pure and simple. Intoxication is not a green light for sexual advances. Don't let one bad party ruin your college experience.

## Childcare Options Available for Students

By Denise Vargo

Not only does Avila provide the convenience of childcare for its students, the Avila Montessori School, taught by certified Montessori teachers, is available also for youngsters of students and children of community members.

The Child Care Center offers childcare on a short-term basis at an hourly rate of \$1.50 or

\$ .75 per half-hour.

The Montessori School is more expensive, but for good reason. Children are given the opportunity to choose between a math-phonics class, which focuses on pre-math skills and reading readiness, or a practical life/sensorial class, which concentrates on developing fine motor skills and activities that require the use of the senses.

According to Carol

Frevert, Director of Health Services and Child Care, the Montessori School provides children 3-6 years old the opportunity to work and grow in a stimulating and challenging environment.

Both programs are located in the Marion Center and the hours are 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. For more information on either of these programs, contact Carol Frevert, or just go down and look in!

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# Soar Like an Eagle

By Patty Berg

At the Avila Alumni-Student Soccer game that was held during homecoming weekend, you may have noticed a life-sized funny looking bird running around. Maybe you were not even at the game. That big bird made its first all-star appearance as the new Avila "eagle" mascot. That's right, Avila College now has its very own life-sized mascot: the Eagle, and the bird was a great success.

Student Affairs needs a few good volunteers to dress up as the Eagle. If you decide to be an Eagle, you will be part of the all new "Eagle Corps." "One person can't possibly be at

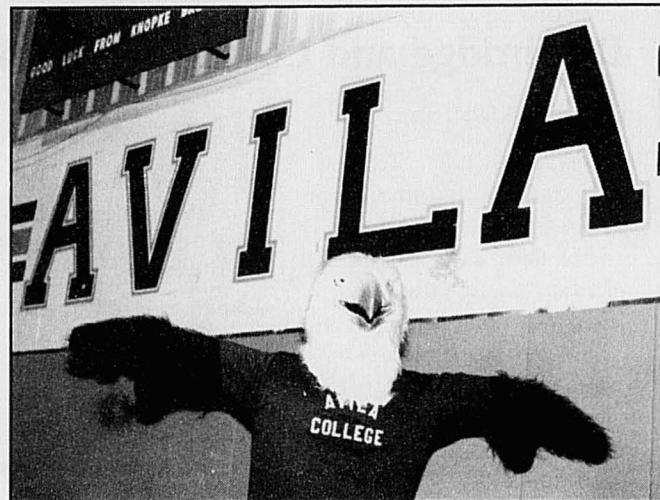
all of the events that are held during the school year; that's why we need students who are interested in being part of the Eagle Corps to contact me as soon as possible," states Dr. Ron Frigault, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs.

The Eagle will attend sporting events and many other events that occur during the school year. If you think you would make a good mascot and show lots of school energy, then give Dr. Frigault a call. Volunteers are needed as soon as possible. Student Affairs will work around schedules if you are interested in being one of the Eagle volunteers, the elite, the all new Eagle

Corps.

Anyone can request an appearance to a particular function by the Eagle. There are guidelines and other restrictions for getting the Eagle at a particular event. Students Affairs does request that there be at least two weeks notice to get the Eagle at a function.

If you are interested in being one of the Eagle Corps and show your school spirit, please give Dr. Frigault, in Student Affairs a call at 942-8400, ext 226, or stop by his office located in upper Marian Center. Also, if you are interested in an appearance by the Eagle, you may talk to Frigault about this.



New Avila Mascot

By B. Alexander

## Player Profile

By Keith Harris

Name: Rachel Thompson

Age: 18

Year in School: Freshman

Sport: Women's basketball

Position: Shooting Guard

Hometown: Marshall, MO

**Feelings about Avila:** Rachel says that the people at Avila are friendly, but she is not satisfied with the residence life. She says the rooms are too small.

**Basketball Season:** Rachel feels that the team will be okay once they come together as a team

**Favorite Food:** Italian food

**Favorite Musician:** Madonna

**Favorite Movie:** Pretty Woman

**Favorite Book:** Where The Red Fern Grows.

**Favorite Athlete:** Michael Jordan

**Hobbies:** She has been collecting clowns since she was 12 and has a wide collection.

**Spare Time:** Sleeping, but she likes to go out and party as well.

If you had a million dollars, what would you do? Rachel said she would invest most of it in different corporations. She would buy a new car and then she would help out her family. Lastly, she would buy season tickets to the Chicago Bulls basketball games.

## Soccer Team Comes Back

By Jered Steen

After the soccer team got off to one of its fastest starts in years, the momentum was soon lost. The team started off the season with a record of 5-0-1. After their quick start, the team had a slow stretch in which they won only 2 of 7 games, bringing their record as a team to 7-5-1.

Over the past couple of weeks, the team finally has gotten back on track by winning four straight games over Harris Stowe, Park College, Central Methodist and UMKC. The teams last three wins can be partly credited to Dale Franklin who is now in goal because Josh Kovich injured his knee and could

be out for the season. When asked about being in goal, this is what Dale had to say, "It's a lot different than being out in the field, instead of being part of the action you are watching the action. Sometimes I feel helpless out there, like my hands are tied behind my back."

## Hayes Wages Battle

By Kori Baily

Kansas City Chiefs tight-end Jonathan Hayes has turned his personal battle against diabetes into an opportunity of giving hope and encouragement to hundreds of children in the Kansas City area. He has done a lot of charity fund-raisers for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation and is heading the Hayes

huddle club for children. Because he was voted the best blocking tight-end in the NFL, he is an inspiration to diabetics wanting to become professional athletes. Diabetes is an incurable, sometimes life-threatening, disease; but Hayes is living proof that it can be controlled.

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## Softball Preview

By Scott Duffer

This season Avila's softball squad will be under new guidance. Dave Melton, assistant coach for the team the last three years, has taken over the head coaching position. Melton hails from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Mount Vernon Nazarene College in Ohio with a communication degree. He moved to the Kansas City area in 1983. Melton also is an Admissions Counselor for Avila. He travels 8-10 weeks a year visiting high

schools and talking to prospective students.

"Talent wise, this is the strongest team ever. The potential is there to improve upon last year's team if all the pieces come together," according to Melton. There will be two returning players for the Eagles who received district honors last year. Kim Nordike made First Team All-District as a shortstop last season and received district honors the last three years as well. In addition, Shannon Walters received Honorable Mention

All-District as a pitcher.

The season opens on the second Wednesday in March against Baker. This year's schedule includes St. Mary's of Omaha, which finished in the top five in N.A.I.A. last season. Also, Avila will play U.M.K.C., which is in Division I. The Eagles will play approximately 22 home games at the newly constructed Thomas R. Zarda Family Athletic Complex. "We have the nicest facility in the district," believes Melton.